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Mr. Brad Bradley
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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Consent Decree
Voluntary Progress Report 27 (July 2001)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As requested by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") on a voluntary basis to provide EPA with a progress report for activities related to the remediation of the residential lots and remote fill areas, the remediation of the Taracorp pile, the remedial design and remedial action for groundwater, and operation and maintenance activities that were performed in regard to the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site") during July 2001.

1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:

- On July 10, 2001, the Group's project coordinator issued a voluntary progress report to EPA.
- On July 20, 2001, the Group's project coordinator discussed the status of remedial activities and the groundwater monitoring program with EPA's project manager.

2. Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

3. Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:

- Not applicable for this reporting period.



4. Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:

- In early August 2001, the Group's project coordinator and ENTACT, Inc. ("ENTACT") personnel will participate in a conference call meeting with EPA staff to discuss the scope of the remaining remedial activities for residential lots. Following the meeting, ENTACT will advise EPA with its schedule for remobilizing to the site. At the present time, the Group anticipates that ENTACT will remobilize to the site in August 2001 to complete the remaining work.
- The Group anticipates that EPA's comments on the Groundwater Monitoring Plan will be received. Upon receipt of the comments, the Group and ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller will initiate efforts to address the comments and prepare a revised plan. At that time, efforts will also be initiated to prepare for completion of the 2001 annual groundwater monitoring event at the site.
- ENTACT will continue efforts to prepare a revised Operation and Maintenance Plan to address EPA's comments and to expand the Operation and Maintenance Plan to include operation and maintenance activities for off-site areas.
- ENTACT will complete the "Final Remedial Report" for the Residential Areas and Remote Fill Locations to address EPA's January 22, 2001 comments as soon as remedial activities are completed at the site. The revised pages to the "Final Remedial Report" for the Residential Areas and Remote Fill Locations will be submitted to EPA after the remaining remedial activities are completed at the site.

5. Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

6. Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

7. Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:

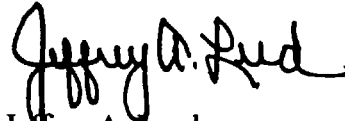
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Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

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